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September 2015

HELLO CLUB MEMBERS,

I surely appreciate the articles that are being contributed to our Thunderbird News by our members. Please keep them coming! Top priority will go to articles about a Classic Thunderbird of South Florida Events and we welcome any story about a Classic Car Event where Thunderbirds appear. Technical articles are much appreciated, as some of us do get our fingernails dirty and our knuckles bloodied!

This year I am looking for stories about YOUR 1955 Thunderbird.

So if you own a 55, try writing a story about it.

Share the "love"!

Thanks to you all for contributing to this month's edition!

There was no Meeting in August. Our Next Club Meeting will be at the Hillcrest Country Club Annual Brunch on Sept 20th

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Ed Raabe



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Arlene Raabe	9/22
Stuart Corenblum	9/26

My apologies, If I have missed your birthday it is because I do not have your information. Please contact me to update your records.

INTERNET PAGE

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We encourage participation on our Facebook page. Send Posts about everything Thunderbird related and we will enjoy other "car stuff" too.

Like Museum Visits, Car shows and Cruise Ins you attend. And other stuff you think we T-Bird lovers would like. Just keep it as clean as your T-Bird on "Detail Day"!

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Letter from the President

Ed Raabe

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Hello Members,

We started the Summer with a great Outing!

July 10th The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida invaded the North. Stuart and Jensen Bch will never be the same! We visited the Elliott Museum, The House of Refuge and the Mustang Barn. Please enjoy the story in this issue.

We voted to change our monthly meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please make the change in your Planners.

There was no Meeting in August

Our September Club Meeting will be held the Hillcrest Country Club on Sept 20th. This is an annual affair and a Car Event as well. So bring your Car! The Photo opportunities at the Country Club is not to be missed and will be the subject of an article I will be writing for CTCL.

The Holiday Party will be on December 19th at Leo and Valentyna's condo's Social Hall in Hallandale Bch. Please reserve the date. Entertainment has been arranged, but planning still needs to be done. We are looking for Catering, etc.

I am still working on a Club Roster which will be published in an "On Line" Version, to save costs, available to all members' e-mails as soon as it is completed. Please, if you have not already done so, send me an e-mail to update your information. Also include a photo of your Thunderbird in a nice setting for publication in the Thunderbird News.

If you were not able to attend a Club Meeting, everything you want to know is in the Meeting Minutes. Please spend a little time to learn about our plans for Outings and Car Show participation. We are already planning the Holiday Party in December!

Until then, Happy Birding!

Ed Raabe

NEW MEMBERS (None)



CTCI NEWS

Announcing the 2016 International Convention in San Diego, CA

The CTCI Board of Directors has voted to approve the sanctioning of the 2016 International Convention in San Diego, California. It will be co-hosted by the Earlybird of Southern California and the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego, to be held September 13-18, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego. Additional information on events and other details will be provided as plans are developed.




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Our Stuart Summer Outing

Ed Raabe

We arrived at our destination, The Marriot Resort Hotel on Hutchinson Island, around 2pm in the afternoon July 10th. Daisy and Felix Hernandez were just driving in, Oscar and Marcie Castro arrived about 10 minutes earlier and were already unpacking. The 1st wave of the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida had landed on the beach!. We were joined shortly by Paul & Joyce Cotner, Mike & Theresa McNeal and Norm & Robin Gabe.

We immediately changed and headed down to the beach. Some of the braver actually went into the water, knowing full well we had backup at the Tikii Bar if we got into any trouble! Shortly Stuart and Gail Corenblum arrived and it was beginning to look like a Club Event! We decided on Conchy Joes, Gail's suggestion, in Jensen Beach for Dinner. Peter and Suellen arrived at the Hotel just in time to join us and off we went! Conchy Joes is right on the water, a festive and laid-back Island Style Eatery with a great menu and live music. Oscar amazed us with his ability to order and consume EVERY appetizer on the menu PLUS a main course!



The next morning we caravanned to back to Jensen beach and had breakfast at Jan's, a homey breakfast place with awesome food!

THE ELLIOTT MUSEUM, STUART FLORIDA



The Elliot has a wonderful collection of Early Fords including many 'one of a kind' examples. 54 vehicles are enclosed in a climate controlled environment and are "served up" to a rotating viewing stage by a state of the art automated racking system. Our Guide, Dave, told us about Sterling Elliott, a turn of the 20th century inventor who created the steering knuckle, a fundamental advancement, which made the modern automobile possible. An avid bicycle enthusiast, he invented self-equalizing brakes and the pneumatic tire. The Elliott addressing machine brought fame and fortune to the family and his son, Harmon built the first museum on the site in his father's honor. Not

only does the Museum house historic automobiles and trucks, but there are permanent collections including Evinrude Outboard Boat motors, Baseball cards and late 19th Century memorabilia. There was even a 1940s "modern" kitchen! We all gathered there at 10:30, including Paul and Anita Werner who came up that morning to join us.



Club Members at the Elliott Museum





Quadracycle with the steering knuckle invented by Sterling Elliott



The First Benz Motor Car. Our Guide, Dave, explains about alternative energy cars in the past, The Stanley steamer and The Detroit Electric



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NEXT STOP, THE HOUSE OF REFUGE



The House of Refuge at Gilberts Bar, Stuart FL

The last of 10 Houses of Refuge, this is a maritime museum featuring what sailors and passengers would have experienced after being saved from shipwrecks off the Florida coast in the 19th and early 20th Centuries. Boats traveling up the Intercostal would stop, deliver supplies and pick up the stranded passengers for the trip up to Jacksonville. Refugees could spend months there waiting! Our guide told us the most refugees from ships wrecked off the coast at any one time numbered 22 at this station. Living here was very rugged, but it surely beat the alternative! Fresh, potable water was recovered and held in a cistern. Protein was derived from shelling, fishing and hunting. No food or vegetables could be grown on the Island since there is not enough soil for sustenance.

The refugees were quartered in the loft above and the "House Keeper" lived with his family on the main floor. The pictures are of the House Keeper's quarters.



After the Museums we went to The **NEW ENGLAND FISH MARKET** in Jensen Bch, a place Arlene and I discovered when we were up here for an AACA show last year. Ah, didn't we just have breakfast?



Then to Old Stuart for some shopping and Ice Cream (Desert!)



We had a full day and it was time to return to the Hotel to rest up a while and get ready for Dinner

Oh Boy, didn't we just EAT LUNCH!



SAILORS RETURN RESTAURANT



Wow this place had it all! Right in the Marina with a fantastic view and a terrific Menu. The food was wonderful, but when I received my desert, the Sunset Bay Orange Cake, everyone went crazy and wanted to see it up close! It was such a hit, Peter brought it over to the adjoining couple's table to their delight!

I can't believe I ate the whole thing!



IF IT'S SUNDAY, THIS MUST BE JUPITER!

We are on the road to the Mustang Barn a private Museum dedicated to The Mustang Shelby, The Mustang Cobra and Mustang GT Performance Cars. There we are greeted by, Ed who opened the "Barn doors" just for us. Jack Miller, of Miller's Ale House fame, raised in Pittsburg, recreated the street and home he grew up in and the firehouse his dad served in with a vinette not to be believed. He also reproduced the SUNOCO gas station he first worked in. The Museum also features a large collection of NY Yankee memorabilia, a Soda Shop out of the 50's and a Las Vegas tribute on the second level. Among the Mustangs was a beautiful 110 point 1957 Thunderbird. Was it there just for us to admire? Check out the "Million Dollar Mustang" a tribute to our War Veterans. Those who were not camera shy may see yourself! Enjoy the many pictures we took and thanks to those who contributed photos.



Miller's Mustang Barn, Jupiter FL Owned by Jack Miller of Miller's Ale House fame



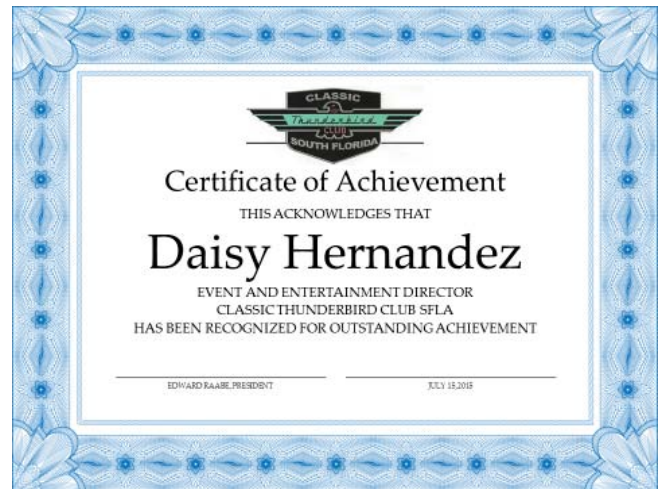





LAST STOP, MILLER'S ALE HOUSE


When we left the Mustang Barn our last destination was the Miller's Ale House in Jupiter. We had a great meal and I had the opportunity to say thanks to Daisy in behalf of the

entire Club for her incredible job putting the Stuart Summer Outing together. At our Club Meeting in July I presented her with this Official Certificate of Achievement





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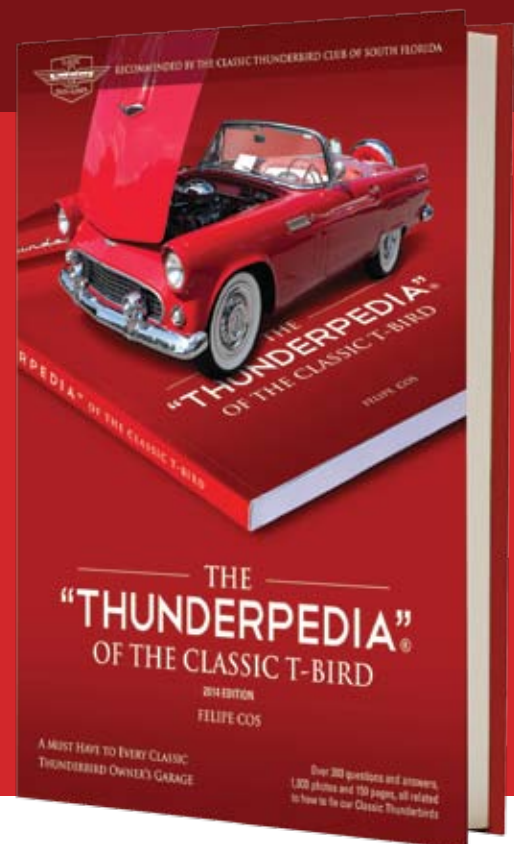
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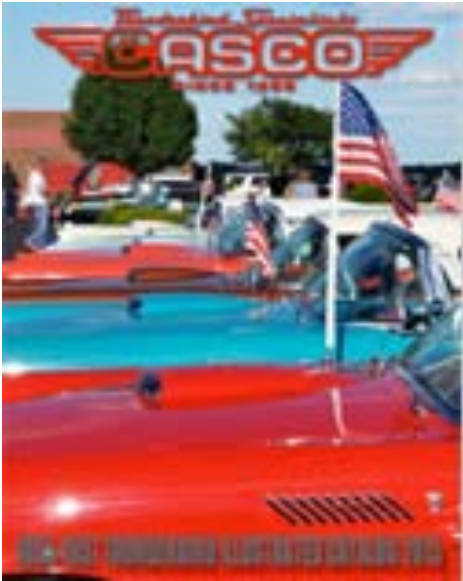
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This article appeared in the CASCO newsletter Aug 2015

What does ZDDP do for our engines? ZDDP is a surface modifier. It modifies bearing to journal surface characteristics to prevent metal



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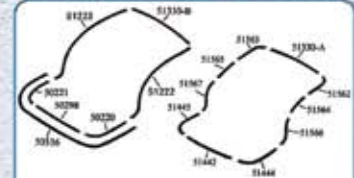


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